



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



'CALLED TO BE SENT (FAITH & MISSION)'

Community in Double Jubilee of 175 Years of Parish Community
and 100 years in Heaven of St Allamano

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 26th: Sts Cosmas & Damian

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Theresa Masterson RIP followed
by Some Enchanted Evening - tickets on sale

Sunday 27th: - 26th in Ordinary Time

8.30am: George Buhagiar ann RIP

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Gerard & Georgina Opara-Nad
(Thanksgiving)

Mon 28th:

6.00pm: Tim & Dawn Gleeson RIP

Tues 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Eddie Gay ann RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

11am Filming Showing (see notices)

6pm: Youth Ministry (see notices)

Wed 30th: Saint Jerome

6.00pm: Celine Gomes (thanksgiving)

6.00pm Post FHC meeting (see notices)

Thurs 1st Oct 2026 St Therese of the Child Jesus

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Celines Gomes (thanksgiving)

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP11 Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 2nd: Holy Guardian Angels

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Grace Lakubu (thanksgiving)

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

7.30pm First Friday Mass 'Transformation'

Sat 3rd:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Sheena Louise Mitchell RIP

Sunday 4th: - 28th in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Celine Gomes (thanksgiving)

10.30am: Bernadette & Maurice Hunt ann

Readings: 1st: Ez 18:25-28; Ps: 24:4-9; 2nd: Phil 2:1-11; Gos: Mt 21:28-32

Obedience leads to life

The Word of God this Sunday invites us to focus on obedience in our daily lives. Following the will of God leads to life, while turning away from it can lead to suffering, emptiness, and, without change, even death.

We see this in all three readings. Ezekiel reminds his people that disobeying God's precepts, as the Israelites did, leads to suffering, slavery, and separation from His love. Often, it is pride that takes control of us. In Israel's history, whenever they followed God's will, life flourished; whenever they turned away, suffering followed. Yet God always gives us time to change: "If a person turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life."

When we obey, we become more like Christ. The Letter to the Philippians tells us that Jesus, though He was God, humbled Himself and became obedient, even to death on the cross. And God "raised him up." Humility and obedience, therefore, lead us to true greatness.

In the Gospel, we are invited to move from lip service to action. The second son represents many of us. We make promises, but sometimes they remain only words. God is not pleased with words alone: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mt 15:8). At Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Matrimony, we say, "I will," but the challenge is to turn those words into concrete action.

Jesus reminds us that even sinners and tax collectors can enter the Kingdom of God because they changed their lives. We too may know what is right but fail to put it into practice. Yet there is always hope. We may have been far from God, but we have time to change and return to Him. God does not define us only by our past, but by who we are now when we turn back to Him and choose life. Let us pray that our relationship with God may reflect the attitude of Jesus: humble and obedient. This is the secret to a life full of meaning. Amen.

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PLEASE JOIN ME in welcoming to our community the archbishop of Nyeri in Kenya, staying with us until the 30th September. His Grace Anthon Muheria is here for the commissioning of catholic women here in London. We are delighted he is here with us. The archdiocese of Nyeri is from the first location where the Consolata missionaries started operating, sent by St. Joseph Allamano in June 1902. Your Grace, you are welcome.

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As we continue to celebrate our Double Jubilee, we pray for all the priests and curates who ministered in our parish community at Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great. Each week, we give thanks in prayer for our priests and curates who served our parish and give thanks for their ministry. **In this week, we pray for Fr Richard Marriott, Parish Priest from 1997 to 2001, and curates: Fathers Paul Arnold & Howard Campbell.**

Film show on Tuesday 29th September at 11am in the JP Room. St Francis of Assisi (800 Ann) "Assisi: Home of St. Francis." Followed by refreshments. All proceeds go to the youth ministry. Everyone welcome. **We raised an amazing £180 for our previous film showing.** Thank you for your generous support for the Poor Clares and CAFOD. Sue Francis

Tuesday 29th September at 6.00pm: monthly session of youth ministry, that is teenagers after confirmation. Session will take place in the main hall. All welcome!

Wednesday 30th September at 6.00pm: our biweekly session of post first holy communion starts. Other children prior to confirmation are also welcome. Meeting in the main hall. All welcome!

Sunday 4th of October, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and animals. There will be the blessing of animals and all kinds of pets, at 2.30 pm in the parish garden on the 4th. Entrance from the backyard parking and exit from union street pets (dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, and pocket pets)

are welcome! Please keep them safely secured throughout the blessing. You are welcome!

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Barnet: would be delighted to welcome parents with children born between 1st Sept 2022 to 31st Aug 2023, to our school tours ahead of Reception entry in September 2027. Come and meet our Headteacher and learn more about our school community and see our school in action. Tours are approx one hour. To book a tour on your preferred date contact the school office: 0208440 4946 or email admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net We look forward to welcoming you on the following dates: Mon 12th Oct at 10am, Mon 12th Oct at 6pm, Wed 4th Nov at 10am, Fri 6th Nov at 10am, Mon 9th Nov at 10am and Fri 13th Nov at 10am.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School is seeking to appoint a Modern Foreign Languages Assistant, specialising in Italian, to work for 2 hours per week supporting A Level students. F Max – £21.83 per hour. Fixed Term, Part-time, term time only - required from 1st October 2026 to 31st May 2027. A Support Staff application form and job description is on our website. <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk>. Please send applications to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. **Closing date:** Monday 28th September midday.

Finchley Catholic High School Open Evening Tuesday 29th September 2026 We are holding our annual Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 29th September from 5:00pm to 7:30pm.

Music Liturgy: 10.30am Mass

Gathering: 820 Seek Ye First

Psalm R/ Remember your compassion, O LORD (x2)

Gospel Acc: Vs: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Offertory: 846 Amazing grace

Communion: At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now. Jesus is Lord, King of glory now.

Going Forth: 821 The Kingdom of God is justice and joy.



Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: Rosemary Chester, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Linda Quilter, Clare Buckmire, Martin Quilter, Margaret Kelly, Angela Manzi, Mary Quigley, and Karen Sanchez

Contact Information: Parish Office: barnet@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 8449 3338

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED

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